

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

Voluntary Petition

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| Name of Debtor (if individual, enter Last, First, Middle): Merlo, Joseph, Anthony | | Name of Joint Debtor (Spouse) (Last, First, Middle): | |
| All Other Names used by the Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): | | All Other Names used by the Joint Debtor in the last 8 years (include married, maiden, and trade names): | |
| Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN(if more than one, state all): 8910 | | Last four digits of Soc. Sec. or Individual-Taxpayer I.D. (ITIN) No./Complete EIN(if more than one, state all): | |
| Street Address of Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): 7709 Bolton Way Hanover Park, IL | | Street Address of Joint Debtor (No. & Street, City, and State): | |
| ZIP CODE 60133 | | ZIP CODE | |
| County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: Cook | | County of Residence or of the Principal Place of Business: | |
| Mailing Address of Debtor (if different from street address): | | Mailing Address of Joint Debtor (if different from street address): | |
| ZIP CODE | | ZIP CODE | |
| Location of Principal Assets of Business Debtor (if different from street address above): | | | |
| ZIP CODE | | | |
| Type of Debtor (Form of Organization) (Check one box.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individual (includes Joint Debtors) <i>See Exhibit D on page 2 of this form.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation (includes LLC and LLP) <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Other (If debtor is not one of the above entities, check this box and state type of entity below.) <hr/> | | Nature of Business (Check one box) <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Business <input type="checkbox"/> Single Asset Real Estate as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51B) <input type="checkbox"/> Railroad <input type="checkbox"/> Stockbroker <input type="checkbox"/> Commodity Broker <input type="checkbox"/> Clearing Bank <input type="checkbox"/> Other <hr/> Tax-Exempt Entity (Check box, if applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a tax-exempt organization under Title 26 of the United States Code (the Internal Revenue Code.) | |
| | | Chapter of Bankruptcy Code Under Which the Petition is Filed (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chapter 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 11 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 12 <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 13 <hr/> Nature of Debts (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily consumer debts, defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(8) as "incurred by an individual primarily for a personal, family, or household purpose." <input type="checkbox"/> Debts are primarily business debts. | |
| Filing Fee (Check one box) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Filing Fee attached <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee to be paid in installments (applicable to individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration certifying that the debtor is unable to pay fee except in installments. Rule 1006(b) See Official Form 3A. <input type="checkbox"/> Filing Fee waiver requested (applicable to chapter 7 individuals only). Must attach signed application for the court's consideration. See Official Form 3B. | | Chapter 11 Debtors Check one box: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is not a small business debtor as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(51D). Check if: <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor's aggregate noncontingent liquidated debts (excluding debts owed to insiders or affiliates) are less than \$2,190,000. <hr/> Check all applicable boxes <input type="checkbox"/> A plan is being filed with this petition <input type="checkbox"/> Acceptances of the plan were solicited prepetition from one or more classes of creditors, in accordance with 11 U.S.C. § 1126(b). | |
| Statistical/Administrative Information <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that funds will be available for distribution to unsecured creditors. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor estimates that, after any exempt property is excluded and administrative expenses paid, there will be no funds available for distribution to unsecured creditors. | | | |
| THIS SPACE IS FOR COURT USE ONLY | | | |
| Estimated Number of Creditors <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> 1- 50- 100- 200- 1,000- 5,001- 10,001- 25,001- 50,001- Over 49 99 199 999 5,000 10,000 25,000 50,000 100,000 100,000 | | | |
| Estimated Assets <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,001 to \$100,001 to \$500,001 to \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,001 to \$50,000,001 to \$100,000,001 to \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion More than \$1 billion \$50,000 \$100,000 \$500,000 \$1 million \$10 million \$50 million \$100 million \$500 million \$1 billion | | | |
| Estimated Liabilities <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> \$0 to \$50,001 to \$100,001 to \$500,001 to \$1,000,001 to \$10,000,001 to \$50,000,001 to \$100,000,001 to \$500,000,001 to \$1 billion More than \$1 billion \$50,000 \$100,000 \$500,000 \$1 million \$10 million \$50 million \$100 million \$500 million \$1 billion | | | |

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| Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i> | | Document | Page 2 of 34 |
| Name of Debtor(s): Joseph Anthony Merlo | | | |
| All Prior Bankruptcy Cases Filed Within Last 8 Years (If more than two, attach additional sheet.) | | | |
| Location Where Filed: NONE | Case Number: | Date Filed: | |
| Location Where Filed: | Case Number: | Date Filed: | |
| Pending Bankruptcy Case Filed by any Spouse, Partner or Affiliate of this Debtor (If more than one, attach additional sheet) | | | |
| Name of Debtor: NONE | Case Number: | Date Filed: | |
| District: | Relationship: | Judge: | |
| Exhibit A | | Exhibit B | |
| (To be completed if debtor is required to file periodic reports (e.g., forms 10K and 10Q) with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and is requesting relief under chapter 11.) | | (To be completed if debtor is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit A is attached and made a part of this petition. | | I, the attorney for the petitioner named in the foregoing petition, declare that I have informed the petitioner that [he or she] may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12, or 13 of title 11, United States Code, and have explained the relief available under each such chapter. I further certify that I have delivered to the debtor the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b). X <u>s/DanielKRobin</u> <u>10/29/2008</u> Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s) Date <u>Daniel K. Robin</u> <u>2354705</u> | |
| Exhibit C | | | |
| Does the debtor own or have possession of any property that poses or is alleged to pose a threat of imminent and identifiable harm to public health or safety? | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and Exhibit C is attached and made a part of this petition. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | |
| Exhibit D | | | |
| (To be completed by every individual debtor. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and attach a separate Exhibit D.) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D completed and signed by the debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. | | | |
| If this is a joint petition: | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibit D also completed and signed by the joint debtor is attached and made a part of this petition. | | | |
| Information Regarding the Debtor - Venue (Check any applicable box) | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debtor has been domiciled or has had a residence, principal place of business, or principal assets in this District for 180 days immediately preceding the date of this petition or for a longer part of such 180 days than in any other District. <input type="checkbox"/> There is a bankruptcy case concerning debtor's affiliate, general partner, or partnership pending in this District. <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor is a debtor in a foreign proceeding and has its principal place of business or principal assets in the United States in this District, or has no principal place of business or assets in the United States but is a defendant in an action or proceeding [in a federal or state court] in this District, or the interests of the parties will be served in regard to the relief sought in this District. | | | |
| Certification by a Debtor Who Resides as a Tenant of Residential Property (Check all applicable boxes.) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Landlord has a judgment against the debtor for possession of debtor's residence. (If box checked, complete the following). | | | |
| (Name of landlord that obtained judgment) | | | |
| (Address of landlord) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor claims that under applicable nonbankruptcy law, there are circumstances under which the debtor would be permitted to cure the entire monetary default that gave rise to the judgment for possession, after the judgment for possession was entered, and | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor has included in this petition the deposit with the court of any rent that would become due during the 30-day period after the filing of the petition. | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Debtor certifies that he/she has served the Landlord with this certification. (11 U.S.C. § 362(l)). | | | |

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| Voluntary Petition <i>(This page must be completed and filed in every case)</i> | | Document Page 3 of 34 Name of Debtor(s): Joseph Anthony Merlo |
| Signatures | | |
| Signature(s) of Debtor(s) (Individual/Joint) <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct.</p> <p>[If petitioner is an individual whose debts are primarily consumer debts and has chosen to file under chapter 7] I am aware that I may proceed under chapter 7, 11, 12 or 13 of title 11, United States Code, understand the relief available under each such chapter, and choose to proceed under chapter 7.</p> <p>[If no attorney represents me and no bankruptcy petition preparer signs the petition] I have obtained and read the notice required by 11 U.S.C. § 342(b).</p> <p>I request relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p>X s/ Joseph Anthony Merlo Signature of Debtor Joseph Anthony Merlo</p> <p>X Not Applicable Signature of Joint Debtor</p> <p>Telephone Number (If not represented by attorney) 10/29/2008 Date</p> | | Signature of a Foreign Representative <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, that I am the foreign representative of a debtor in a foreign proceeding, and that I am authorized to file this petition.</p> <p>(Check only one box.)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I request relief in accordance with chapter 15 of Title 11, United States Code. Certified Copies of the documents required by § 1515 of title 11 are attached.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1511, I request relief in accordance with the Chapter of title 11 specified in the petition. A certified copy of the order granting recognition of the foreign main proceeding is attached.</p> <p>X Not Applicable (Signature of Foreign Representative)</p> <p>(Printed Name of Foreign Representative)</p> <p>Date</p> |
| Signature of Attorney <p>X s/DanielKRobin Signature of Attorney for Debtor(s)</p> <p>Daniel K. Robin Bar No. 2354705 Printed Name of Attorney for Debtor(s) / Bar No.</p> <p>Daniel K. Robin Ltd. Firm Name</p> <p>121 S. Wilke Rd. #201 Arlington Heights IL 60005 Address</p> <p>847-670-9100 847-398-8377 Telephone Number</p> <p>10/29/2008 Date</p> <p>*In a case in which § 707(b)(4)(D) applies, this signature also constitutes a certification that the attorney has no knowledge after an inquiry that the information in the schedules is incorrect.</p> | | Signature of Non-Attorney Petition Preparer <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that: (1) I am a bankruptcy petition preparer as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 110; (2) I prepared this document for compensation and have provided the debtor with a copy of this document and the notices and information required under 11 U.S.C. §§ 110(b), 110(h), and 342(b); and, (3) if rules or guidelines have been promulgated pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 110(h) setting a maximum fee for services chargeable by bankruptcy petition preparers, I have given the debtor notice of the maximum amount before preparing any document for filing for a debtor or accepting any fee from the debtor, as required in that section. Official Form 19 is attached.</p> <p>Not Applicable Printed Name and title, if any, of Bankruptcy Petition Preparer</p> <p>Social-Security number (If the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual, state the Social-Security number of the officer, principal, responsible person or partner of the bankruptcy petition preparer.) (Required by 11 U.S.C. § 110.)</p> <p>Address</p> |
| Signature of Debtor (Corporation/Partnership) <p>I declare under penalty of perjury that the information provided in this petition is true and correct, and that I have been authorized to file this petition on behalf of the debtor.</p> <p>The debtor requests the relief in accordance with the chapter of title 11, United States Code, specified in this petition.</p> <p>X Not Applicable Signature of Authorized Individual</p> <p>Printed Name of Authorized Individual</p> <p>Title of Authorized Individual</p> <p>Date</p> | | <p>X Not Applicable</p> <p>Date</p> <p>Signature of bankruptcy petition preparer or officer, principal, responsible person, or partner whose Social-Security number is provided above.</p> <p>Names and Social-Security numbers of all other individuals who prepared or assisted in preparing this document unless the bankruptcy petition preparer is not an individual.</p> <p>If more than one person prepared this document, attach to the appropriate official form for each person.</p> <p><i>A bankruptcy petition preparer's failure to comply with the provisions of title 11 and the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure may result in fines or imprisonment or both. 11 U.S.C. § 110; 18 U.S.C. § 156.</i></p> |

B6 Summary (Official Form 6 - Summary) (12/07)

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo,
Debtor

Case No. _____
Chapter 7 _____

SUMMARY OF SCHEDULES

Indicate as to each schedule whether that schedule is attached and state the number of pages in each. Report the totals from Schedules A, B, D, E, F, I, and J in the boxes provided. Add the amounts from Schedules A and B to determine the total amount of the debtor's assets. Add the amounts of all claims from Schedules D, E, and F to determine the total amount of the debtor's liabilities. Individual debtors also must complete the "Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data" if they file a case under chapter 7, 11, or 13.

| NAME OF SCHEDULE | ATTACHED (YES/NO) | NO. OF SHEETS | ASSETS | LIABILITIES | OTHER |
|---|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| A - Real Property | YES | 1 | \$ 150,000.00 | | |
| B - Personal Property | YES | 2 | \$ 11,860.00 | | |
| C - Property Claimed as Exempt | YES | 1 | | | |
| D - Creditors Holding Secured Claims | YES | 1 | | \$ 148,720.00 | |
| E - Creditors Holding Unsecured Priority Claims (Total of Claims on Schedule E) | YES | 2 | | \$ 0.00 | |
| F - Creditors Holding Unsecured Nonpriority Claims | YES | 4 | | \$ 53,870.79 | |
| G - Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases | YES | 1 | | | |
| H - Codebtors | YES | 1 | | | |
| I - Current Income of Individual Debtor(s) | YES | 1 | | | \$ 1,629.33 |
| J - Current Expenditures of Individual Debtor(s) | YES | 1 | | | \$ 3,261.01 |
| TOTAL | | 15 | \$ 161,860.00 | \$ 202,590.79 | |

United States Bankruptcy Court
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

In re **Joseph Anthony Merlo**

 Debtor

Case No. _____
 Chapter **7** _____

STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF CERTAIN LIABILITIES AND RELATED DATA (28 U.S.C. § 159)

If you are an individual debtor whose debts are primarily consumer debts, as defined in § 101(8) of the Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. § 101(8)), filing a case under chapter 7, 11 or 13, you must report all information requested below.

Check this box if you are an individual debtor whose debts are NOT primarily consumer debts. You are not required to report any information here.

This information is for statistical purposes only under 28 U.S.C. § 159.

Summarize the following types of liabilities, as reported in the Schedules, and total them.

| Type of Liability | Amount |
|---|--------------------|
| Domestic Support Obligations (from Schedule E) | \$ 0.00 |
| Taxes and Certain Other Debts Owed to Governmental Units (from Schedule E) | \$ 0.00 |
| Claims for Death or Personal Injury While Debtor Was Intoxicated (from Schedule E) (whether disputed or undisputed) | \$ 0.00 |
| Student Loan Obligations (from Schedule F) | \$ 6,638.15 |
| Domestic Support, Separation Agreement, and Divorce Decree Obligations Not Reported on Schedule E. | \$ 0.00 |
| Obligations to Pension or Profit-Sharing, and Other Similar Obligations (from Schedule F) | \$ 0.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 6,638.15 |

State the following:

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|---|--------------------|
| Average Income (from Schedule I, Line 16) | \$ 1,629.33 |
| Average Expenses (from Schedule J, Line 18) | \$ 3,261.01 |
| Current Monthly Income (from Form 22A Line 12; OR, Form 22B Line 11; OR, Form 22C Line 20) | \$ 3,646.00 |

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Debtor

Case No. _____
Chapter 7 _____

State the following:

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| 1. Total from Schedule D, "UNSECURED PORTION, IF ANY" column | | \$6,300.00 |
| 2. Total from Schedule E, "AMOUNT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY" column. | \$ 0.00 | |
| 3. Total from Schedule E, "AMOUNT NOT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY, IF ANY" column | | \$0.00 |
| 4. Total from Schedule F | | \$53,870.79 |
| 5. Total of non-priority unsecured debt (sum of 1, 3, and 4) | | \$60,170.79 |

B6A (Official Form 6A) (12/07)

In re: Joseph Anthony Merlo
Debtor

Case No. _____
(If known)

SCHEDULE A - REAL PROPERTY

| DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY | NATURE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY, WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION | AMOUNT OF SECURED CLAIM |
|--|---|-----------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| 7709 Bolton Way, Hanover Park IL 60133 | Fee Owner | | \$ 150,000.00 | \$ 132,420.00 |
| Total ➤ | | | \$ 150,000.00 | |

(Report also on Summary of Schedules.)

In re **Joseph Anthony Merlo**

Debtor

Case No. _____

(If known)

SCHEDULE B - PERSONAL PROPERTY

| TYPE OF PROPERTY | NONE | DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY, WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION |
|---|------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1. Cash on hand | | nominal cash | | 10.00 |
| 2. Checking, savings or other financial accounts, certificates of deposit, or shares in banks, savings and loan, thrift, building and loan, and homestead associations, or credit unions, brokerage houses, or cooperatives. | | checking at Chase | | 400.00 |
| 3. Security deposits with public utilities, telephone companies, landlords, and others. | X | | | |
| 4. Household goods and furnishings, including audio, video, and computer equipment. | | misc furniture furnishings and electronics | | 500.00 |
| 5. Books, pictures and other art objects, antiques, stamp, coin, record, tape, compact disc, and other collections or collectibles. | | star war models | | 300.00 |
| 6. Wearing apparel. | | clothing | | 200.00 |
| 7. Furs and jewelry. | X | | | |
| 8. Firearms and sports, photographic, and other hobby equipment. | X | | | |
| 9. Interests in insurance policies. Name insurance company of each policy and itemize surrender or refund value of each. | X | | | |
| 10. Annuities. Itemize and name each issuer. | X | | | |
| 11. Interests in an education IRA as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 530(b)(1) or under a qualified State tuition plan as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 529(b)(1). Give particulars. (File separately the record(s) of any such interest(s). 11 U.S.C. § 521(c).) | X | | | |
| 12. Interests in IRA, ERISA, Keogh, or other pension or profit sharing plans. Give particulars. | X | | | |
| 13. Stock and interests in incorporated and unincorporated businesses. Itemize. | X | | | |
| 14. Interests in partnerships or joint ventures. Itemize. | X | | | |
| 15. Government and corporate bonds and other negotiable and nonnegotiable instruments. | X | | | |
| 16. Accounts receivable. | X | | | |
| 17. Alimony, maintenance, support, and property settlements to which the debtor is or may be entitled. Give particulars. | X | | | |
| 18. Other liquidated debts owed to debtor including tax refunds. Give particulars. | X | | | |
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B6B (Official Form 6B) (12/07) -- Cont.

In re **Joseph Anthony Merlo**

Debtor

Case No. _____

(If known)

SCHEDULE B - PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Continuation Sheet)

| TYPE OF PROPERTY | NONE | DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION OF PROPERTY | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | CURRENT VALUE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST IN PROPERTY, WITHOUT DEDUCTING ANY SECURED CLAIM OR EXEMPTION |
|---|------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| 19. Equitable or future interests, life estates, and rights or powers exercisable for the benefit of the debtor other than those listed in Schedule A - Real Property. | X | | | |
| 20. Contingent and noncontingent interests in estate of a decedent, death benefit plan, life insurance policy, or trust. | X | | | |
| 21. Other contingent and unliquidated claims of every nature, including tax refunds, counterclaims of the debtor, and rights to setoff claims. Give estimated value of each. | X | | | |
| 22. Patents, copyrights, and other intellectual property. Give particulars. | X | | | |
| 23. Licenses, franchises, and other general intangibles. Give particulars. | X | | | |
| 24. Customer lists or other compilations containing personally identifiable information (as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101(41A)) provided to the debtor by individuals in connection with obtaining a product or service from the debtor primarily for personal, family, or household purposes. | X | | | |
| 25. Automobiles, trucks, trailers, and other vehicles and accessories. | | 2007 Chev Aveo | | 10,000.00 |
| 26. Boats, motors, and accessories. | X | | | |
| 27. Aircraft and accessories. | X | | | |
| 28. Office equipment, furnishings, and supplies. | | dell computer | | 450.00 |
| 29. Machinery, fixtures, equipment and supplies used in business. | X | | | |
| 30. Inventory. | X | | | |
| 31. Animals. | X | | | |
| 32. Crops - growing or harvested. Give particulars. | X | | | |
| 33. Farming equipment and implements. | X | | | |
| 34. Farm supplies, chemicals, and feed. | X | | | |
| 35. Other personal property of any kind not already listed. Itemize. | X | | | |
| 1 continuation sheets attached | | | Total ➤ | \$ 11,860.00 |

(Include amounts from any continuation sheets attached. Report total also on Summary of Schedules.)

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo,
DebtorCase No. _____
(If known)**SCHEDULE C - PROPERTY CLAIMED AS EXEMPT**Debtor claims the exemptions to which debtor is entitled under:
(Check one box)

11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(2)
 11 U.S.C. § 522(b)(3)

Check if debtor claims a homestead exemption that exceeds
\$136,875

| DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY | SPECIFY LAW PROVIDING EACH EXEMPTION | VALUE OF CLAIMED EXEMPTION | CURRENT VALUE OF PROPERTY WITHOUT DEDUCTING EXEMPTION |
|--|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 7709 Bolton Way, Hanover Park IL 60133 | 735 ILCS 5/12-901 | 15,000.00 | 150,000.00 |
| checking at Chase | 735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) | 400.00 | 400.00 |
| clothing | 735 ILCS 5/12-1001(a),(e) | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| dell computer | 735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) | 450.00 | 450.00 |
| misc furniture furnishings and electronics | 735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| star war models | 735 ILCS 5/12-1001(b) | 300.00 | 300.00 |

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

(If known)

SCHEDULE D - CREDITORS HOLDING SECURED CLAIMS

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding secured claims to report on this Schedule D.

| CREDITOR'S NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE AND AN ACCOUNT NUMBER (See Instructions, Above.) | CODEBTOR HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED, NATURE OF LIEN, AND DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY SUBJECT TO LIEN | CONTINGENT | UNLIQUIDATED | DISPUTED | AMOUNT OF CLAIM WITHOUT DEDUCTING VALUE OF COLLATERAL | UNSECURED PORTION, IF ANY |
|---|--|---|------------|--------------|----------|---|---------------------------------|
| ACCOUNT NO. 00412530056325 | | Second Lien on Residence 7709 Bolton Way, Hanover Park IL 60133 VALUE \$150,000.00 | | | | 18,800.00 | 0.00 |
| Chase Home Equity Loan P.O. Box 24714 Columbus, OH 43224 | | Security Agreement 2007 Chev Aveo VALUE \$10,000.00 | | | | 16,300.00 | 6,300.00 |
| ACCOUNT NO. 154-9094-94427 | | First Lien on Residence 7709 Bolton Way, Hanover Park IL 60133 VALUE \$150,000.00 | | | | 113,620.00 | 0.00 |
| GMAC P.O. Box 51014 Carol Stream IL 60125-1014 | | | | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. 3220845 | | | | | | | |
| National City Mortgage P.O. Box 1820 Dayton, OH 60133 | | | | | | | |

0 continuation sheets attached

Subtotal >
(Total of this page)

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| \$ 148,720.00 | \$ 6,300.00 |
| \$ 148,720.00 | \$ 6,300.00 |

Total >
(Use only on last page)

(Report also on Summary of (If applicable, report
Schedules) also on Statistical
Summary of Certain
Liabilities and
Related Data.)

In re **Joseph Anthony Merlo**

Debtor

Case No.

(If known)

SCHEDULE E - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIMS

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured priority claims to report on this Schedule E.

TYPES OF PRIORITY CLAIMS (Check the appropriate box(es) below if claims in that category are listed on the attached sheets.)

Domestic Support Obligations

Claims for domestic support that are owed to or recoverable by a spouse, former spouse, or child of the debtor, or the parent, legal guardian, or responsible relative of such a child, or a governmental unit to whom such a domestic support claim has been assigned to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(1).

Extensions of credit in an involuntary case

Claims arising in the ordinary course of the debtor's business or financial affairs after the commencement of the case but before the earlier of the appointment of a trustee or the order for relief. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3).

Wages, salaries, and commissions

Wages, salaries, and commissions, including vacation, severance, and sick leave pay owing to employees and commissions owing to qualifying independent sales representatives up to \$10,950* per person earned within 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the original petition, or the cessation of business, whichever occurred first, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

Contributions to employee benefit plans

Money owed to employee benefit plans for services rendered within 180 days immediately preceding the filing of the original petition, or the cessation of business, whichever occurred first, to the extent provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(5).

Certain farmers and fishermen

Claims of certain farmers and fishermen, up to \$5,400* per farmer or fisherman, against the debtor, as provided in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6).

Deposits by individuals

Claims of individuals up to \$2,425* for deposits for the purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use, that were not delivered or provided. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

Taxes and Certain Other Debts Owed to Governmental Units

Taxes, customs duties, and penalties owing to federal, state, and local governmental units as set forth in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).

Commitments to Maintain the Capital of an Insured Depository Institution

Claims based on commitments to the FDIC, RTC, Director of the Office of Thrift Supervision, Comptroller of the Currency, or Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, or their predecessors or successors, to maintain the capital of an insured depository institution. 11 U.S.C. § 507 (a)(9).

Claims for Death or Personal Injury While Debtor Was Intoxicated

Claims for death or personal injury resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle or vessel while the debtor was intoxicated from using alcohol, a drug, or another substance. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(10).

* Amounts are subject to adjustment on April 1, 2010, and every three years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.

1 continuation sheets attached

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo
Debtor

Case No. _____
(If known)

SCHEDULE E - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED PRIORITY CLAIMS
(Continuation Sheet)

| CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.) | CODEBTOR | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM | CONTINGENT | UNLIQUIDATED | DISPUTED | AMOUNT OF CLAIM | AMOUNT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY | AMOUNT NOT ENTITLED TO PRIORITY, IF ANY |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|--|------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| ACCOUNT NO. | | | | | | | | | |

Sheet no. 1 of 1 continuation sheets attached to Schedule of
Creditors Holding Priority Claims

Subtotals ➤
(Totals of this page)

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| \$ 0.00 | | |
| | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

Total ➤
(Use only on last page of the completed
Schedule E. Report also on the Summary of
Schedules.)

Total ➤
(Use only on last page of the completed
Schedule E. If applicable, report also on the
Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities
and Related Data.)

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

(If known)

SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

Check this box if debtor has no creditors holding unsecured claims to report on this Schedule F.

| CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.) | CODEBTOR | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE | CONTINGENT | UNLIQUIDATED | DISPUTED | AMOUNT OF CLAIM |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-2560 | | | | | | | 5,265.14 |
| Capital One P.O. Box 85167 Richmond, VA 23285-5167 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-2144 | | | consumer | | | | 6,123.72 |
| Capital One P.O. Box 85167 Richmond, VA 23285-5167 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-0618 | | | consumer | | | | 406.77 |
| Chase P.O. Box 15153 Wilmington DE 19886-5153 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-9514 | | | consumer | | | | 1,653.52 |
| Chase P.O. Box 15325 Wilmington DE 19886-5325 | | | student loan | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. 888756 755 | | | | | | | 6,638.15 |
| CitiBank Great Lakes P.O. Box 3059 Milwaukee, WI 53201-3059 | | | | | | | |

3 Continuation sheets attached

| | | |
|----------|---|---------------------|
| Subtotal | ➤ | \$ 20,087.30 |
| Total | ➤ | \$ |

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(Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable on the Statistical
Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.)

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In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

(If known)

SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

| CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.) | CODEBTOR | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE | CONTINGENT | UNLIQUIDATED | DISPUTED | AMOUNT OF CLAIM |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| ACCOUNT NO. 6879450129058340962 | | | | | | | 1,238.11 |
| Dell Financial Services c/o ARM P.O. Box 129 Thorofare, NJ 08086-0129 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-6587 | | | | | | | 4,880.00 |
| Direct Merchants Bank Payment Center P.O. Box 17313 Baltimore, MD 21297 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. G001288976 | | | | | | | 485.00 |
| Edward Health Venture EMG Bolingbrook 3471 Eagle Way Chicago, IL 60678 | | | services | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. xxx-6755 | | | | | | | 6,638.00 |
| Great Lakes Educational Loan P.O. Box 3059 Milwaukee WI 53201 | | | student loan | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-7215 | | | | | | | 3,052.58 |
| Home Depot Credit Services P.O. Box 689100 Des Moines, IA 50364-9100 | | | consumer | | | | |

Sheet no. 1 of 3 continuation sheets attached to Schedule of Creditors
Holding Unsecured
Nonpriority Claims

Subtotal ➤ \$ **16,293.69**

Total ➤

| | |
|----|--|
| \$ | |
| \$ | |

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Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.)

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In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

(If known)

SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

| CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.) | CODEBTOR | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE | CONTINGENT | UNLIQUIDATED | DISPUTED | AMOUNT OF CLAIM |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| ACCOUNT NO. XXX-XXX-XXX-31 | | | | | | | 164.62 |
| JC Penney P.O. Box 960090 Orlando, FL 32896-0090 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XX-XXX-XXX-844-0 | | | | | | | 4,133.74 |
| Macy's P.O. Box 689195 Des Moines, IA 50368-9195 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-0467 | | | | | | | 2,921.01 |
| Menards P.O. Box 15521 Wilmington, DE 19850-5521 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-2649 | | | | | | | 2,063.20 |
| Musicians Friend Retail Services P.O. Box 17602 Baltimore, MD 21297-1602 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1173 | | | | | | | 2,540.12 |
| National City P.O. Box 2349 Kalamazoo, MI 49003-2349 | | | consumer | | | | |

Sheet no. 2 of 3 continuation sheets attached to Schedule of Creditors
Holding Unsecured
Nonpriority Claims

Subtotal ➤ \$ **11,822.69**
Total ➤ \$

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(Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable on the Statistical
Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.)

B6F (Official Form 6F) (12/07) - Cont.

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

(If known)

SCHEDULE F - CREDITORS HOLDING UNSECURED NONPRIORITY CLAIMS

(Continuation Sheet)

| CREDITOR'S NAME, MAILING ADDRESS INCLUDING ZIP CODE, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER (See instructions above.) | CODEBTOR | HUSBAND, WIFE, JOINT OR COMMUNITY | DATE CLAIM WAS INCURRED AND CONSIDERATION FOR CLAIM. IF CLAIM IS SUBJECT TO SETOFF, SO STATE | CONTINGENT | UNLIQUIDATED | DISPUTED | AMOUNT OF CLAIM |
|---|----------|--------------------------------------|---|------------|--------------|----------|--------------------|
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-1139 | | | | | | | 2,443.96 |
| Newegg.com Preferred Acct P.O. Box 105658 Atlanta, GA 30348 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. XXXX-XXXX-XXXX-8469 | | | | | | | 2,651.57 |
| PayPal Buyer Credit P.O. Box 960080 Orlando, FL 32896-0080 | | | consumer | | | | |
| ACCOUNT NO. X-XXX-XXX-460 | | | | | | | 571.58 |
| Target Retailers National Bank P.O. Box 59317 Minneapolis, MN 55459-0317 | | | consumer | | | | |

Sheet no. 3 of 3 continuation sheets attached to Schedule of Creditors
Holding Unsecured
Nonpriority Claims

Subtotal ➤ \$ **5,667.11**
Total ➤ \$ **53,870.79**

(Use only on last page of the completed Schedule F.)
(Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable on the Statistical
Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.)

In re: Joseph Anthony Merlo _____, Case No. _____
Debtor (If known)

SCHEDULE G - EXECUTORY CONTRACTS AND UNEXPIRED LEASES

Check this box if debtor has no executory contracts or unexpired leases.

| NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF OTHER PARTIES TO LEASE OR CONTRACT. | DESCRIPTION OF CONTRACT OR LEASE AND NATURE OF DEBTOR'S INTEREST, STATE WHETHER LEASE IS FOR NONRESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY. STATE CONTRACT NUMBER OF ANY GOVERNMENT CONTRACT. |
|--|--|
| | |

In re: **Joseph Anthony Merlo**

Debtor

Case No. _____
(If known) _____

SCHEDULE H - CODEBTORS

Check this box if debtor has no codebtors.

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CODEBTOR | NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
|------------------------------|------------------------------|

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Case No. _____

Debtor

(If known) _____

SCHEDULE I - CURRENT INCOME OF INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR(S)

The column labeled "Spouse" must be completed in all cases filed by joint debtors and by every married debtor, whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed. Do not state the name of any minor child. The average monthly income calculated on this form may differ from the current monthly income calculated on Form 22A, 22B, or 22C.

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| Debtor's Marital Status: single | DEPENDENTS OF DEBTOR AND SPOUSE | |
| | RELATIONSHIP(S): _____ AGE(S): _____ | |
| Employment: DEBTOR | SPOUSE | |
| Occupation unemployed | | |
| Name of Employer | | |
| How long employed | | |
| Address of Employer | | |

INCOME: (Estimate of average or projected monthly income at time case filed)

DEBTOR SPOUSE

| | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| 1. Monthly gross wages, salary, and commissions (Prorate if not paid monthly.) | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 2. Estimate monthly overtime | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 3. SUBTOTAL | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 4. LESS PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS | | |
| a. Payroll taxes and social security | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| b. Insurance | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| c. Union dues | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| d. Other (Specify) _____ | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 5. SUBTOTAL OF PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 6. TOTAL NET MONTHLY TAKE HOME PAY | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 7. Regular income from operation of business or profession or farm (Attach detailed statement) | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 8. Income from real property | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 9. Interest and dividends | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 10. Alimony, maintenance or support payments payable to the debtor for the debtor's use or that of dependents listed above. | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 11. Social security or other government assistance (Specify) <u>unemployment compensation</u> | \$ <u>1,629.33</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 12. Pension or retirement income | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 13. Other monthly income (Specify) _____ | \$ <u>0.00</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 14. SUBTOTAL OF LINES 7 THROUGH 13 | \$ <u>1,629.33</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 15. AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME (Add amounts shown on lines 6 and 14) | \$ <u>1,629.33</u> | \$ <u>0.00</u> |
| 16. COMBINED AVERAGE MONTHLY INCOME: (Combine column totals from line 15) | <u>\$ 1,629.33</u> | |
| (Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable, on Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data) | | |
| 17. Describe any increase or decrease in income reasonably anticipated to occur within the year following the filing of this document: <u>unemployment will end in November, 2008. Any further benefit is unknown.</u> | | |

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No. _____

(If known)

SCHEDULE J - CURRENT EXPENDITURES OF INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR(S)

Complete this schedule by estimating the average or projected monthly expenses of the debtor and the debtor's family at time case filed. Prorate any payments made biweekly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually to show monthly rate. The average monthly expenses calculated on this form may differ from the deductions from income allowed on Form22A or 22C.

Check this box if a joint petition is filed and debtor's spouse maintains a separate household. Complete a separate schedule of expenditures labeled "Spouse."

| | | |
|--|----|------------------|
| 1. Rent or home mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home) | \$ | <u>990.20</u> |
| a. Are real estate taxes included? Yes <u>✓</u> No _____ | | |
| b. Is property insurance included? Yes <u>✓</u> No _____ | | |
| 2. Utilities: a. Electricity and heating fuel | \$ | <u>180.00</u> |
| b. Water and sewer | \$ | <u>40.00</u> |
| c. Telephone | \$ | <u>68.00</u> |
| d. Other <u>internet</u> | \$ | <u>68.00</u> |
| 3. Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep) | \$ | <u>50.00</u> |
| 4. Food | \$ | <u>450.00</u> |
| 5. Clothing | \$ | <u>10.00</u> |
| 6. Laundry and dry cleaning | \$ | <u>40.00</u> |
| 7. Medical and dental expenses | \$ | <u>215.00</u> |
| 8. Transportation (not including car payments) | \$ | <u>300.00</u> |
| 9. Recreation, clubs and entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc. | \$ | <u>11.00</u> |
| 10. Charitable contributions | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 11. Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in home mortgage payments) | | |
| a. Homeowner's or renter's | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| b. Life | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| c. Health | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| d. Auto | \$ | <u>86.00</u> |
| e. Other _____ | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 12. Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in home mortgage payments) | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| (Specify) _____ | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 13. Installment payments: (In chapter 11, 12, and 13 cases, do not list payments to be included in the plan) | | |
| a. Auto | \$ | <u>380.81</u> |
| b. Other <u>association dues</u> | \$ | <u>178.00</u> |
| <u>home equity loan</u> | \$ | <u>194.00</u> |
| 14. Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 15. Payments for support of additional dependents not living at your home | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 16. Regular expenses from operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement) | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 17. Other _____ | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |
| 18. AVERAGE MONTHLY EXPENSES (Total lines 1-17. Report also on Summary of Schedules and, if applicable, on the Statistical Summary of Certain Liabilities and Related Data.) | \$ | <u>3,261.01</u> |
| 19. Describe any increase or decrease in expenditures reasonably anticipated to occur within the year following the filing of this document: I pay these when I can; without a job, many are not paid. | | |
| 20. STATEMENT OF MONTHLY NET INCOME | | |
| a. Average monthly income from Line 15 of Schedule I | \$ | <u>1,629.33</u> |
| b. Average monthly expenses from Line 18 above | \$ | <u>3,261.01</u> |
| c. Monthly net income (a. minus b.) | \$ | <u>-1,631.68</u> |

B6 Declaration (Official Form 6 - Declaration) (12/07)

In re Joseph Anthony Merlo
Debtor

Case No. _____
(If known) _____

DECLARATION CONCERNING DEBTOR'S SCHEDULES

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY BY INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the foregoing summary and schedules, consisting of _____
sheets, and that they are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. _____

Date: 10/29/2008

Signature: s/ Joseph Anthony Merlo

Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

[If joint case, both spouses must sign]

DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY ON BEHALF OF CORPORATION OR PARTNERSHIP

(NOT APPLICABLE)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

In re: Joseph Anthony Merlo,
Debtor

Case No. _____
(If known)

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

1. Income from employment or operation of business

None State the gross amount of income the debtor has received from employment, trade, or profession, or from operation of the debtor's business, including part-time activities either as an employee or in independent trade or business, from the beginning of this calendar year to the date this case was commenced. State also the gross amounts received during the **two years** immediately preceding this calendar year. (A debtor that maintains, or has maintained, financial records on the basis of a fiscal rather than a calendar year may report fiscal year income. Identify the beginning and ending dates of the debtor's fiscal year.) If a joint petition is filed, state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income of both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| AMOUNT | SOURCE | FISCAL YEAR PERIOD |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 40,307.00 | Career Ed. Corp | 2006 |
| 45,265.00 | Mexinox usa | 2007 |
| 19,249.00 | Metro exhibit | 2008 |

2. Income other than from employment or operation of business

None State the amount of income received by the debtor other than from employment, trade, profession, operation of the debtor's business during the **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Give particulars. If a joint petition is filed, state income for each spouse separately. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must state income for each spouse whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| AMOUNT | SOURCE | FISCAL YEAR PERIOD |
|-----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 2,902.00 | unemployment comp | 2007 |
| 11,000.00 | Unemployment comp | 2008 |

3. Payments to creditors

Complete a. or b., as appropriate, and c.

None a. *Individual or joint debtor(s) with primarily consumer debts:* List all payments on loans, installment purchases of goods or services, and other debts to any creditor made within **90 days** immediately preceding the commencement of this case unless the aggregate value of all property that constitutes or is affected by such transfer is less than \$600. Indicate with an asterisk (*) any payments that were made to a creditor on account of a domestic support obligation or as part of an alternative repayment schedule under a plan by an approved nonprofit budgeting and credit counseling agency. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR | DATES OF PAYMENTS | AMOUNT PAID | AMOUNT STILL OWING |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|

None b. *Debtor whose debts are not primarily consumer debts:* List each payment or other transfer to any creditor made within **90 days** immediately preceding the commencement of the case unless the aggregate value of all property that constitutes or is affected by such transfer is less than \$5,475. If the debtor is an individual, indicate with an asterisk (*) any payments that were made to a creditor on account of a domestic support obligation or as part of an alternative repayment schedule under a plan by an approved nonprofit budgeting and credit counseling agency. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments and other transfers by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR | DATES OF PAYMENTS/ TRANSFERS | AMOUNT PAID OR VALUE OF TRANSFERS | AMOUNT STILL OWING |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------|

None c. *All debtors:* List all payments made within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case to or for the benefit of creditors who are or were insiders. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include payments by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR AND RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR | DATE OF PAYMENT | AMOUNT PAID | AMOUNT STILL OWING |
|--|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
|--|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|

4. Suits and administrative proceedings, executions, garnishments and attachments

None a. List all suits and administrative proceedings to which the debtor is or was a party within **one year** immediately preceding the filing of this bankruptcy case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| CAPTION OF SUIT AND CASE NUMBER | NATURE OF PROCEEDING | COURT OR AGENCY AND LOCATIO | STATUS OR DISPOSITION |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|

None b. Describe all property that has been attached, garnished or seized under any legal or equitable process within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON FOR WHOSE BENEFIT PROPERTY WAS SEIZED | DATE OF SEIZURE | DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY |
|--|--------------------|---|
|--|--------------------|---|

5. Repossessions, foreclosures and returns

None List all property that has been repossessed by a creditor, sold at a foreclosure sale, transferred through a deed in lieu of foreclosure or returned to the seller, within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR OR SELLER | DATE OF REPOSSESSION, FORECLOSURE SALE, TRANSFER OR RETURN | DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY |
|---|--|---|
|---|--|---|

6. Assignments and receiverships

None a. Describe any assignment of property for the benefit of creditors made within **120 days** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include any assignment by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF ASSIGNEE | DATE OF ASSIGNMENT | TERMS OF ASSIGNMENT OR SETTLEMENT |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|

None b. List all property which has been in the hands of a custodian, receiver, or court-appointed official within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning property of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF CUSTODIAN | NAME AND ADDRESS OF COURT CASE TITLE & NUMBER | DATE OF ORDER | DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|---|

7. Gifts

None List all gifts or charitable contributions made within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case except ordinary and usual gifts to family members aggregating less than \$200 in value per individual family member and charitable contributions aggregating less than \$100 per recipient. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include gifts or contributions by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON OR ORGANIZATION | RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR, IF ANY | DATE OF GIFT | DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF GIFT |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------------|

8. Losses

None List all losses from fire, theft, other casualty or gambling within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case **or since the commencement of this case**. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include losses by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

| DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY | DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES AND, IF LOSS WAS COVERED IN WHOLE OR IN PART BY INSURANCE, GIVE PARTICULARS | DATE OF LOSS |
|---|--|-----------------|
|---|--|-----------------|

9. Payments related to debt counseling or bankruptcy

None List all payments made or property transferred by or on behalf of the debtor to any persons, including attorneys, for consultation concerning debt consolidation, relief under the bankruptcy law or preparation of a petition in bankruptcy within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF PAYEE | DATE OF PAYMENT, NAME OF PAYOR IF OTHER THAN DEBTOR | AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY |
|--|---|--|
| Daniel K. Robin Ltd. 121 S. Wilke Rd. #201 Arlington Heights IL 60005 | | \$1,500.00 |

10. Other transfers

None



a. List all other property, other than property transferred in the ordinary course of the business or financial affairs of the debtor, transferred either absolutely or as security within **two years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include transfers by either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF TRANSFeree,
RELATIONSHIP TO DEBTOR

DATE

DESCRIBE PROPERTY
TRANSFERRED
AND VALUE RECEIVED

None



b. List all property transferred by the debtor within **ten years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case to a self-settled trust or similar device of which the debtor is a beneficiary.

NAME OF TRUST OR OTHER
DEVICE

DATE(S) OF
TRANSFER(S)

AMOUNT OF MONEY OR DESCRIPTION
AND VALUE OF PROPERTY OR DEBTOR
INTEREST IN PROPERTY

11. Closed financial accounts

None

List all financial accounts and instruments held in the name of the debtor or for the benefit of the debtor which were closed, sold, or otherwise transferred within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. Include checking, savings, or other financial accounts, certificates of deposit, or other instruments; shares and share accounts held in banks, credit unions, pension funds, cooperatives, associations, brokerage houses and other financial institutions. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning accounts or instruments held by or for either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS
OF INSTITUTION

TYPE OF ACCOUNT, LAST FOUR
DIGITS OF ACCOUNT NUMBER,
AND AMOUNT OF FINAL BALANCE

AMOUNT AND
DATE OF SALE
OR CLOSING

12. Safe deposit boxes

None

List each safe deposit or other box or depository in which the debtor has or had securities, cash, or other valuables within **one year** immediately preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include boxes or depositories of either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS
OF BANK OR
OTHER DEPOSITORY

NAMES AND ADDRESSES
OF THOSE WITH ACCESS
TO BOX OR DEPOSITOR

DESCRIPTION
OF
CONTENTS

DATE OF TRANSFER
OR SURRENDER,
IF ANY

13. Setoffs

None

List all setoffs made by any creditor, including a bank, against a debt or deposit of the debtor within **90 days** preceding the commencement of this case. (Married debtors filing under chapter 12 or chapter 13 must include information concerning either or both spouses whether or not a joint petition is filed, unless the spouses are separated and a joint petition is not filed.)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF CREDITOR

DATE OF
SETOFF

AMOUNT OF
SETOFF

14. Property held for another person

None List all property owned by another person that the debtor holds or controls.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER DESCRIPTION AND VALUE OF PROPERTY LOCATION OF PROPERTY

15. Prior address of debtor

None If debtor has moved within **three years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case, list all premises which the debtor occupied during that period and vacated prior to the commencement of this case. If a joint petition is filed, report also any separate address of either spouse.

ADDRESS NAME USED DATES OF OCCUPANCY

16. Spouses and Former Spouses

None If the debtor resides or resided in a community property state, commonwealth, or territory (including Alaska, Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Puerto Rico, Texas, Washington, or Wisconsin) within **eight years** immediately preceding the commencement of the case, identify the name of the debtor's spouse and of any former spouse who resides or resided with the debtor in the community property state.

NAME

17. Environmental Information.

For the purpose of this question, the following definitions apply:

"Environmental Law" means any federal, state or local statute or regulation regulating pollution, contamination, releases of hazardous or toxic substances, wastes or material into the air, land, soil, surface water, groundwater, or other medium, including, but not limited to, statutes or regulations regulating the cleanup of these substances, wastes, or material.

"Site" means any location, facility, or property as defined under any Environmental Law, whether or not presently or formerly owned or operated by the debtor, including, but not limited to, disposal sites.

"Hazardous Material" means anything defined as a hazardous waste, hazardous substance, toxic substance, hazardous material, pollutant, or contaminant or similar term under an Environmental Law.

None a. List the name and address of every site for which the debtor has received notice in writing by a governmental unit that it may be liable or potentially liable under or in violation of an Environmental Law. Indicate the governmental unit, the date of the notice, and, if known, the Environmental Law.

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT DATE OF NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

None b. List the name and address of every site for which the debtor provided notice to a governmental unit of a release of Hazardous Material. Indicate the governmental unit to which the notice was sent and the date of the notice.

SITE NAME AND ADDRESS NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT DATE OF NOTICE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

None c. List all judicial or administrative proceedings, including settlements or orders, under any Environmental Law with respect to which the debtor is or was a party. Indicate the name and address of the governmental unit that is or was a party to the proceeding, and the docket number.

| NAME AND ADDRESS OF GOVERNMENTAL UNIT | DOCKET NUMBER | STATUS OR DISPOSITION |
|--|---------------|--------------------------|
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18. Nature, location and name of business

None a. *If the debtor is an individual*, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was an officer, director, partner, or managing executive of a corporation, partner in a partnership, sole proprietor, or was self-employed in a trade, profession, or other activity either full- or part-time within the **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case, or in which the debtor owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within the **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

If the debtor is a partnership, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the businesses, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities, within the **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

If the debtor is a corporation, list the names, addresses, taxpayer identification numbers, nature of the business, and beginning and ending dates of all businesses in which the debtor was a partner or owned 5 percent or more of the voting or equity securities within the **six years** immediately preceding the commencement of this case.

| NAME | LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER-I.D. NO. (ITIN)/ COMPLETE EIN | ADDRESS | NATURE OF BUSINESS | BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES |
|------|--|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
|------|--|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|

None b. Identify any business listed in response to subdivision a., above, that is "single asset real estate" as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 101.

| NAME | ADDRESS |
|------|---------|
|------|---------|

* * * * *

[if completed by an individual or individual and spouse]

I declare under penalty of perjury that I have read the answers contained in the foregoing statement of financial affairs and any attachments thereto and that they are true and correct.

Date 10/29/2008

Signature
of Debtor

s/ Joseph Anthony Merlo
Joseph Anthony Merlo

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

In re: Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

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Chapter

CHAPTER 7 INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENTION

I have filed a schedule of assets and liabilities which includes debts secured by property of the estate.

I have filed a schedule of executory contracts and unexpired leases which includes personal property subject to an unexpired lease.

I intend to do the following with respect to the property of the estate which secures those debts or is subject to a lease:

| Description of Secured Property | Creditor's Name | Property will be Surrendered | Property is claimed as exempt | Property will be redeemed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 722 | Debt will be reaffirmed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 524(c) |
|---|------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. 7709 Bolton Way, Hanover Park IL 60133 | Chase Home Equity Loan | | | | X |
| 2. 2007 Chev Aveo | GMAC | | | | X |
| 3. 7709 Bolton Way, Hanover Park IL 60133 | National City Mortgage | | | | X |

| Description of Leased Property | Lessor's Name | Lease will be assumed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362(h)(1)(A) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| None | | |

s/ Joseph Anthony Merlo 10/29/2008

Joseph Anthony Merlo

Signature of Debtor

Date

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

In re:

Joseph Anthony Merlo

Debtor

Case No.

Chapter

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**DISCLOSURE OF COMPENSATION OF ATTORNEY
FOR DEBTOR**

1. Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 329(a) and Bankruptcy Rule 2016(b), I certify that I am the attorney for the above-named debtor(s) and that compensation paid to me within one year before the filing of the petition in bankruptcy, or agreed to be paid to me, for services rendered or to be rendered on behalf of the debtor(s) in contemplation of or in connection with the bankruptcy case is as follows:

| | | |
|---|----|-----------------|
| For legal services, I have agreed to accept | \$ | <u>1,500.00</u> |
| Prior to the filing of this statement I have received | \$ | <u>1,500.00</u> |
| Balance Due | \$ | <u>0.00</u> |

2. The source of compensation paid to me was:

Debtor Other (specify)

3. The source of compensation to be paid to me is:

Debtor Other (specify)

4. I have not agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with any other person unless they are members and associates of my law firm.

I have agreed to share the above-disclosed compensation with a person or persons who are not members or associates of my law firm. A copy of the agreement, together with a list of the names of the people sharing in the compensation, is attached.

5. In return for the above-disclosed fee, I have agreed to render legal service for all aspects of the bankruptcy case, including:

a) Analysis of the debtor's financial situation, and rendering advice to the debtor in determining whether to file a petition in bankruptcy;

b) Preparation and filing of any petition, schedules, statement of affairs, and plan which may be required;

c) Representation of the debtor at the meeting of creditors and confirmation hearing, and any adjourned hearings thereof;

d) [Other provisions as needed]

None

6. By agreement with the debtor(s) the above disclosed fee does not include the following services:

per written agreement

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the foregoing is a complete statement of any agreement or arrangement for payment to me for representation of the debtor(s) in this bankruptcy proceeding.

Dated: 10/29/2008

s/Daniel K Robin
Daniel K. Robin, Bar No. 2354705

Daniel K. Robin Ltd.
Attorney for Debtor(s)

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Northern District of Illinois
Eastern Division

In re: Joseph Anthony Merlo
Debtor

Case No. _____
(if known)

**EXHIBIT D - INDIVIDUAL DEBTOR'S STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH
CREDIT COUNSELING REQUIREMENT**

Warning: You must be able to check truthfully one of the five statements regarding credit counseling listed below. If you cannot do so, you are not eligible to file a bankruptcy case, and the court can dismiss any case you do file. If that happens, you will lose whatever filing fee you paid, and your creditors will be able to resume collection activities against you. If your case is dismissed and you file another bankruptcy case later, you may be required to pay a second filing fee and you may have to take extra steps to stop creditors' collection activities.

Every individual debtor must file this Exhibit D. If a joint petition is filed, each spouse must complete and file a separate Exhibit D. Check one of the five statements below and attach any documents as directed.

1. Within the 180 days **before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, and I have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *Attach a copy of the certificate and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency.*

2. Within the **180 days before the filing of my bankruptcy case**, I received a briefing from a credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator that outlined the opportunities for available credit counseling and assisted me in performing a related budget analysis, but I do not have a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to me. *You must file a copy of a certificate from the agency describing the services provided to you and a copy of any debt repayment plan developed through the agency no later than 15 days after your bankruptcy case is filed.*

3. I certify that I requested credit counseling services from an approved agency but was unable to obtain the services during the five days from the time I made my request, and the following exigent circumstances merit a temporary waiver of the credit counseling requirement so I can file my bankruptcy case now. *[Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.] [Summarize exigent circumstances here.]* _____

If the court is satisfied with the reasons stated in your motion, it will send you an order approving your request. You must still obtain the credit counseling briefing within the first 30 days after you file your bankruptcy case and promptly file a certificate from the agency that provided the briefing, together with a copy of any debt management plan developed through the agency. Any extension of the 30-day deadline can be granted only for cause and is limited to a maximum of 15 days. A motion for extension must be filed within the 30-day period. Failure to fulfill these requirements may result in dismissal of your case. If the court is not satisfied with your reasons for filing your bankruptcy case without first receiving a credit counseling briefing, your case may be dismissed.

4. I am not required to receive a credit counseling briefing because of: *[Check the applicable statement.] [Must be accompanied by a motion for determination by the court.]*

Incapacity. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as impaired by reason of mental illness or mental deficiency so as to be incapable of realizing and making rational decisions with respect to financial responsibilities.);

Disability. (Defined in 11 U.S.C. § 109(h)(4) as physically impaired to the extent of being unable, after reasonable effort, to participate in a credit counseling briefing in person, by telephone, or through the Internet.);

Active military duty in a military combat zone.

5. The United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator has determined that the credit counseling requirement of 11 U.S.C. § 109(h) does not apply in this district.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct.

Signature of Debtor: s/ Joseph Anthony Merlo
Joseph Anthony Merlo

Date: 10/29/2008

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

**NOTICE TO INDIVIDUAL CONSUMER DEBTOR UNDER § 342(b)
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

In accordance with § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, this notice: (1) Describes briefly the services available from credit counseling services; (2) Describes briefly the purposes, benefits and costs of the four types of bankruptcy proceedings you may commence; and (3) Informs you about bankruptcy crimes and notifies you that the Attorney General may examine all information you supply in connection with a bankruptcy case. You are cautioned that bankruptcy law is complicated and not easily described. Thus, you may wish to seek the advice of an attorney to learn of your rights and responsibilities should you decide to file a petition. Court employees cannot give you legal advice.

1. Services Available from Credit Counseling Agencies

With limited exceptions, § 109(h) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that all individual debtors who file for bankruptcy relief on or after October 17, 2005, receive a briefing that outlines the available opportunities for credit counseling and provides assistance in performing a budget analysis. The briefing must be given within 180 days before the bankruptcy filing. The briefing may be provided individually or in a group (including briefings conducted by telephone or on the Internet) and must be provided by a nonprofit budget and credit counseling agency approved by the United States trustee or bankruptcy administrator. The clerk of the bankruptcy court has a list that you may consult of the approved budget and credit counseling agencies.

In addition, after filing a bankruptcy case, an individual debtor generally must complete a financial management instructional course before he or she can receive a discharge. The clerk also has a list of approved financial management instructional courses.

2. The Four Chapters of the Bankruptcy Code Available to Individual Consumer Debtors

Chapter 7: Liquidation (\$245 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee, \$0 trustee surcharge: Total fee \$284)

1. Chapter 7 is designed for debtors in financial difficulty who do not have the ability to pay their existing debts. Debtors whose debts are primarily consumer debts are subject to a "means test" designed to determine whether the case should be permitted to proceed under chapter 7. If your income is greater than the median income for your state of residence and family size, in some cases, creditors have the right to file a motion requesting that the court dismiss your case under § 707(b) of the Code. It is up to the court to decide whether the case should be dismissed.

2. Under chapter 7, you may claim certain of your property as exempt under governing law. A trustee may have the right to take possession of and sell the remaining property that is not exempt and use the sale proceeds to pay your creditors.

3. The purpose of filing a chapter 7 case is to obtain a discharge of your existing debts. If, however, you are found to have committed certain kinds of improper conduct described in the Bankruptcy Code, the court may deny your discharge and, if it does, the purpose for which you filed the bankruptcy petition will be defeated.

4. Even if you receive a general discharge, some particular debts are not discharged under the law. Therefore, you may still be responsible for most taxes and student loans; debts incurred to pay nondischargeable taxes; domestic support and property settlement obligations; most fines, penalties, forfeitures, and criminal restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; and debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a motor vehicle, vessel, or aircraft while intoxicated from alcohol or drugs. Also, if a creditor can prove that a debt arose from fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, or theft, or from a willful and malicious injury, the bankruptcy court may determine that the debt is not discharged.

Chapter 13: Repayment of All or Part of the Debts of an Individual with Regular Income (\$235 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$274)

1. Chapter 13 is designed for individuals with regular income who would like to pay all or part of their debts in installments over a period of time. You are only eligible for chapter 13 if your debts do not exceed certain dollar amounts set forth in the Bankruptcy Code.

2. Under chapter 13, you must file with the court a plan to repay your creditors all or part of the money that you owe them, using your future earnings. The period allowed by the court to repay your debts may be three years or five years, depending upon your income and other factors. The court must approve your plan before it can take effect.

3. After completing the payments under your plan, your debts are generally discharged except for domestic support obligations; most student loans; certain taxes; most criminal fines and restitution obligations; certain debts which are not properly listed in your bankruptcy papers; certain debts for acts that caused death or personal injury; and certain long term secured obligations.

Chapter 11: Reorganization (\$1000 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$1039)

Chapter 11 is designed for the reorganization of a business but is also available to consumer debtors. Its provisions are quite complicated, and any decision by an individual to file a chapter 11 petition should be reviewed with an attorney.

Chapter 12: Family Farmer or Fisherman (\$200 filing fee, \$39 administrative fee: Total fee \$239)

Chapter 12 is designed to permit family farmers and fishermen to repay their debts over a period of time from future earnings and is similar to chapter 13. The eligibility requirements are restrictive, limiting its use to those whose income arises primarily from a family-owned farm or commercial fishing operation.

3. Bankruptcy Crimes and Availability of Bankruptcy Papers to Law Enforcement Officials

A person who knowingly and fraudulently conceals assets or makes a false oath or statement under penalty of perjury, either orally or in writing, in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to a fine, imprisonment, or both. All information supplied by a debtor in connection with a bankruptcy case is subject to examination by the Attorney General acting through the Office of the United States Trustee, the Office of the United States Attorney, and other components and employees of the Department of Justice.

WARNING: Section 521(a)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code requires that you promptly file detailed information regarding your creditors, assets, liabilities, income, expenses and general financial condition. Your bankruptcy case may be dismissed if this information is not filed with the court within the time deadlines set by the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, and the local rules of the court.

Certificate of Attorney

I hereby certify that I delivered to the debtor this notice required by § 342(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Daniel K. Robin
Printed Name of Attorney

s/DanielKRobin
Signature of Attorney

10/29/2008
Date

Address:

Daniel K. Robin Ltd.
121 S. Wilke Rd. #201
Arlington Heights IL 60005

847-670-9100

Certificate of the Debtor

I, the debtor, affirm that I have received and read this notice.

Joseph Anthony Merlo
Printed Name of Debtor

Xs/ Joseph Anthony Merlo

10/29/2008

Case No. (if known) _____

Joseph Anthony Merlo
Signature of Debtor

Date